

John Henry Vaile Police & Fire Trust

John Henry Vaile was a manufacturer and inventor in Dayton Ohio. He was born in Piqua, Ohio on March 31, 1844 and was raised in Lowell Massachusetts. Mr. Vaile served in the United States Navy for three years, where a portion of his time was spent on the Monitor. After the Civil War, John Vaile worked for a glass manufacturer of Philadelphia. He came to Dayton in 1868 and was employed by various manufacturers as a mechanical engineer. Eventually, John Vaile rose to the position of a director with *Stillwell-Bierce & Smith-Vaile Manufacturing Company*. The company became one of the largest and most important manufacturing corporations in the west, its business extending throughout the United States and Canada. It established an agency in London with a growing trade in many foreign countries. John was also the president of American Carbon Company and a director in the Merchants' National Bank.

John Vaile was a great admirer of the officers serving the Dayton Police Department and the Dayton Fire Department and upon his death in 1925, a trust was established into which a portion of the net income is set aside from the Trust Estate and deposited into a fund for retired Policemen and Firemen. As long as the Trust is in effect, there will be distributions made annually to Dayton police and fire retirees or their surviving spouses.